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AS our Annual Meeting occurs late in January, this present number of THE MISSIONARY LINK bears the final record of the work of the year 1888. That there has been a quickening impulse through the last twelve months, there can be no doubt, for which gratitude unfeigned must touch the heart of every faithful laborer. For the unknown future pressing so closely, and beseeching so imperatively for most loyal service at our hands, we need such Christian courage as breathes in the following words of Rev. Phillips Brooks at the watch-night service of his own church:

“Lift up your hearts, full of the hope, the certainty of the love of God. Be sure there is not a single duty coming to you this new year, which by the strength of God, you may not be strong enough to do. Be sure there is no spiritual life which has seemed to be inaccessible to you, that by the inspiring and uplifting grace of God, you may not aspire to rise to, and attain, before you greet another year, when this year ends.”

One friend in Japan writes to us: We stand within the dawning of a solemn and glorious era, in the religious history of Japan. There are projected movements, political and religious, of imminent importance to the Church of Christ. Unite with us dear friends in earnest prayer, for the coming of His kingdom in this land, and the wisest adjustment of all affairs to that glorious end. Our native Bible readers are working heartily for the great cause, dearer to their hearts than life. They kindle little fires here and there whose warmth and light are diffused throughout the land.

MISS Lathrop writes : There is a great deal of hard work done in India, but there is also much compensation. I was struck with a remark a traveler made. He said "The missionaries are *the happiest people I have seen in India!* the only Europeans who did not complain of hardships and poor pay, etc." I think this is true. It is not those who have most of this world who are the contented ones, but those who live and work for the treasure that endureth.

NO institution in India has the popularity that the Christian College in Madras has. A member of the Madras Legislative Council used to send his son a mile and a half further than the Government institution, to a school where all religion was not ignored. A Mohammedan nobleman at the present time, who was educated at the feet of Huxley, and was learned in everything that Spencer wrote, when asked for his patronage to aid the appointment of an atheist, said, "Give me a Christian with his Bible."

IN India it was reported last year to the London Missionary Society that whereas in 1876 many persons who pleaded poverty had to be supplied with books, now such a thing as the giving of a book or even a slate pencil was never heard of. Formerly they had to search for the children, but now the parents were anxious to send them, and willing to pay the fees.

ADVICES have been received from the interior of Africa that the savage monarch of Uganda, King MWANGA, was in October dethroned and imprisoned by his own followers, who were stung to revolt at the discovery that a mandate had gone forth for the starvation on an island in Lake Victoria, of his entire body guard, a picked corps of men. This King was probably the most blood-thirsty and treacherous monster in Africa. Bishop Harrington was assassinated by his orders, and many other missionaries have shared the same fate. In 1886 he burned at the stake forty native converts of the missions of the English and Roman Catholic churches. May such power be forever broken.

RIGHT Rev. Bishop Crowther speaks of the work done by missionary ladies on the West coast of Africa. In his own early days, the children of liberated slaves in Sierra Leone, when sent to school, ran away in terror, and were pursued by the schoolmaster, whip in hand. On the advent of a Christian lady, with plenty of pictures, who taught the children to sing, all the reluctance vanished, and there was no further trouble in getting them to school.

THE re-opening of the Madagascar Mission in 1862 is full of encouragement. At the present time there are in connection with the London Missionary Society 1,200 Christian congregations and 250,000 Christian communicants, nearly 1,000 schools with 100,000 Malagasy children receiving Christian education. In 1869 the Queen became a Christian, and that caused a sudden expansion in the schools, and there were 15,000 scholars. Every child between six and eighteen, was compelled by the law to attend school and learn to read and write. As the state did nothing to provide schools or school-teachers, the only schools to which they could go were the mission schools. Missionaries were the mainstay and life of those schools. The foremost men in the country were those who had been trained in these schools, and many of them did good service for Jesus Christ. The Bible was studied in those schools. They desired more and more to influence children in the right direction, that they might hand on that word to future generations. They were working on the whole of the nation, and there was a great change coming over the country.

DR. Murray Mitchell, of Scotland, declares that "fully two millions now living have been rescued from Paganism, by the efforts of Protestant missions during the last seventy or eighty years—a number four times as large as was added to the Church, during an equal period in the earliest age of Christianity."

THE most carefully compiled and best general statistical work, is Daniel's "Lehrbuch der Geographie." The number of inhabitants on the globe is about 1,435,000,000. There are 3,064 distinct languages and dialects known. There are about 1,100 different religions. There does not exist a single people which is without a religion of some kind. Even the lowest on the social scale have some religious idea, however crude. Christianity has 432,000,000 adherents. The Roman Catholic Church numbers 208,000,000, the Greek or Oriental Orthodox Church, 83,000,000; the Protestant Church, 123,000,000. Besides these, there are about 100 sects or smaller divisions claiming to be Christians, with 8,000,000 adherents. Of the non-Christians, 8,000,000 are Jews, 120,000,000 are Mohammedans. Among the heathen religions, Brahminism is the most widespread, and embraces about 138,000,000 adherents, and its younger offshoot, Buddhism, embraces 503,000,000. Other heathen religions have 135,000,000 adherents. There are thus, yet over one thousand millions of souls who are not Christian!

AN English Missionary, in China, gives a graphic picture of street preaching. Singling out the most venerable or intelligent of his audience, after questions required by Chinese etiquette he asks, "Have you ever heard of the Lord Jesus?" This leads to pointed remarks on the subject, when one listener asks, "Do not different religions suit different countries? We have Confucianism, Buddhism, and Taoism; you have Christianity." The missionary replies, by two illustrations. "There are Chinese candles and lamps, and English candles and lamps, but all with one object, to give a little light by night. There is only one sun, and you cannot claim the great orb. All the world rejoices in its beams. So with religion. Human systems are at best but like lamps; Jesus is the sun. The dawn is breaking, the sun is rising, put out your *night lights*." "Hear another parable. See how many kinds of fans there are; but all have one object, to stir the air a little. There comes the southerly breeze. Better

than 10,000 fans! Fans are your human framed religious systems. The wind is like the Gospel of the Lord Jesus, brought home to the soul by the power of the Holy Spirit."

CHINESE proverbs afford quite a literature in themselves. Here are one or two specimens :

"If you have not wounded your conscience, a knock at dead of night will not startle you."

"When you are sitting alone think of your own shortcomings ; when you talk don't speak of the faults of others."

"Think of your own faults the first part of the night (when awake), think of your neighbor's faults the latter part of the night" (when asleep).

"Better crack the drum than let the standard fall."

MISS Matilda Rankin, the founder of Protestant Missions in MEXICO, died recently at Bloomington, Ill. She will be remembered by some of our own members, with special interest.

THE Rev. Dr. Henry J. Van Lennep, for many years a missionary to Armenia, died at Great Barrington, Mass., Jan. 11th, aged seventy-three years. He was born in Smyrna, Asia Minor, and after receiving his education in America he consecrated his life to foreign missions. For more than thirty years he worked among the natives, and at times passed through great peril. Once at Tocat his house was burned over his head, his family barely escaping with their lives. Not daunted however, the missionary continued his work of faith, and lived to see great changes and spiritual progress, and only left his field when too feeble to work.

THE foreign mission work is one that requires faith ; it is one in which the outlook is not always encouraging. But it is one which has the promise of God for its success, as it has the command of Christ for its prosecution. It is a work not to be rightly judged by any mathematical test, but to be undertaken and pushed forward because God has commanded it, and in the assurance that the promise stands true that our Lord Jesus Christ 'shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied.'"

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

CHINA—SHANGHAI.

STEAMER NOTES.

Letter from MISS FRANCES A. SMITH.

WE are all glad to be so near one of the havens where we would be. We have had a prosperous voyage ; there were only two days of stormy weather.

Our company consists of eight missionaries and seven other passengers. We have found a great deal of pleasure in each other's society and shall be sorry to part. We have seen a good deal of China already, for the sailors and servants on the ship are Chinese, as well as several hundred steerage passengers. The Captain speaks in the highest terms of the Chinese and thinks a great deal of his crew.

I have heard already, of the fame of the "Margaret Williamson Hospital" in Shanghai. One of the ladies on board, not a missionary, has visited it.

Our ship arrived at Nagasaki early in the morning of Nov. 17th, and will stay till six o'clock, so we will go ashore and see this pretty spot, our last visit in Japan! When we leave here, we see no more land until we arrive at our destination in Shanghai.

IMPRESSIONS.

Our visit in Japan has been most enjoyable. We arrived in Yokohama Nov. 7th after a quick voyage. The next day we found our way up to the "Mission Home" and were most delightfully entertained. Miss Crosby had gone for a few days rest, so we missed seeing her, but we were most pleased with all the ladies, among whom there is a beautiful spirit of Christian love.

We were astonished at the proficiency of the school-girls. Mrs. Pierson told the class in English composition to write a

burlesque. I wish you could have heard the bright little exercises they composed.

I had a little time with Miss Crosby's Sunday School class and was so drawn to the dear girls! They put a chair for me and sat themselves around me on the mat. We took the first chapter of Joshua for our short talk. They read it verse about, and answered well my questions. After I had a little prayer with them, they seemed to want a closer talk, so I sat on the mat with them, and showed them my Bible and told them something about myself. If I had stayed there much longer, those wee Japanese girls would have so won my heart that I should never have been able to leave! I wish you could see them! Saturday night Mrs. Sharland gave us a great treat in her singing class. A chorus of about thirty girls sang for us some of the most beautiful selections from Hayden, Handel and Mozart. Our Wellesley College chorus could not have done better. They pronounce the English words with such distinctness that we could understand without a book. Mrs. Sharland is an accomplished teacher and not only that, but she teaches the girls to make their singing an offering of praise to God, and for that purpose, Mrs. Pierson writes many words suitable for their music. It touches us more than we could express, to hear these dear girls so lately brought to Christ, singing so exquisitely and with such deep feeling, these grand anthems of praise to Jesus' name. If the people at home could only have heard them! It must be an inexpressible joy to these dear missionaries to see such fruit of their labors.

MY NEW HOME.

I arrived in Shanghai after a very pleasant voyage from Yokohama through the beautiful Inland Sea. Dr. Reifsnyder came to the ship to meet me, and gave me such a kind welcome.

I like my home here very much, and find all the members of the mission earnest and conscientious workers, in their several departments.

My short visit in Japan, and a view of the work in the school there under Mrs. Pierson, gave me an idea what a Mission School might be. She is a most able teacher and has had time to thoroughly develop the school. Besides she has not certain difficulties to contend with in Japan, which we have here, owing to the national customs and peculiarities of the Chinese. In learning English, many fields are open to the Japanese, which we can never lead these girls to enjoy, as it seems best not to teach these Chinese girls English.

Miss Brunton has done a great deal for the school, in her careful supervision of their personal needs, and encouraging sewing, mending, darning and knitting among them. It is astonishing, what clever needlewomen the girls are becoming. They are also taught to wash and iron some of their clothes, and take turns in the kitchen, to learn cooking. This is very desirable, as they are all from very poor homes, and we must not let them become helpless, and useless, when they leave here. I have been studying the language, two weeks for five hours a day and am much interested in it. I prepare one verse to read at prayers, every morning. The children and all our servants read the chapter, verse by verse every morning. This insures strict attention, and the servants as well as the girls have been greatly benefited by it. In this way some of the servants have learned to read, since they came to us.

OUR GIRLS.

We have a fine set of girls. They are growing very fast. They look so much healthier than most Chinese girls of their age. Having their natural feet, and out door exercise, good food and cleanliness, it makes a great difference in their appearance.

We took twelve of the older girls down to the ship to say farewell to the Doctor and Miss McKechnie, the Matron and Bible Reader being with them. The girls rode in fours on a wheel barrow, and the Matron told us, many people were

asking, Who are those fine looking girls with big feet? I shall begin music lessons with the pupils after Christmas. I am very happy to be here and do what I can to make it bright for Dr. Gale and Miss Andrews when they come home from the Hospital. I am glad to have a little missionary work even now, for I teach the only two people who understand English.

Mrs. Tae our Bible woman, comes to me for an hour Sunday evening, and the other is our house servant with whom I have begun a little missionary work. He has been in our service a number of years, but is not yet a Christian. I wish you would ask special prayers for him. His little daughter is the baby of our school, a solemn little monkey of six. She read her verse for the first time the other morning, and her father was so overcome by it, he could hardly read, when his turn came. He is a very quiet man, and seldom shows any emotion. The other evening I gave our girls a lesson in playing with dolls, they have so little idea of the use of them. I am determined they shall have more pleasure than to suspend them by the neck to their bed posts.

OUR PATIENTS.

Letter from MISS McKECHNIE.

Perhaps you remember about a woman who was brought here seated in a tub carried by two country women. One of the bearers a strange woman at that time, now a patient little knew that some one would have to render her a like kindness in a few months. She is getting better slowly and is a happy patient.

The patient who was in the "Mary Ogden Darrah Bed" for some time, was operated upon for tumor in the cheek. She went out quite well, to make room for a patient with high fever.

The "Charlotte Otis Le Roy Mem. Bed" has a patient in it who came in for various troubles; was an opium eater too.

The Doctor told her that she could not be much benefited until she gave up the habit, which she bravely did, though with much suffering. She attends prayers every evening and the other services.

The "Mary Pruyn Mem. Bed" has a little Mohammedan girl who has been operated upon twice, for enlarged glands in the neck. She is getting better, and attends all the services, learns the "Golden text" and "Central truth" every week. She also does not object to coming to Sunday School with her head bandaged.

All the patients are taught of Christ and many of them learn the Commandments and some of our simple hymns. One old lady who was with us some time as a patient came back and asked to be baptized.

THOUGHTS OF PARTING.

I cannot bear the thought of leaving my much loved work, and if it was not for the hope of returning, I do not think I could be induced to go. Miss Andrews has been taking two afternoons a week in the Dispensary thus becoming accustomed to the work. She has a well trained helper, who can do almost everything in the drug room, so that she will be saved a great deal of hard work. I have taken much pains with the training of this young girl, especially the last six months. Dr. Gale has also, two splendid helpers besides the two women in the Hospital wards, Ah Zung and Ah Neu, who save many steps.

The Chinese are heart broken about our going, and it is most touching to hear their expressions of regret. I did not know how much I loved them until I began to prepare to leave. We began this work, and have seen it grow steadily and surely, till it has become what it is. But I must not be sad, for the Lord willing we will come back and spend our lives in it. The Christmas boxes arrived safely and we were delighted with everything. We have tried to tell the patients about the kind people who sent the things, and especially about the dear "Shut ins," who sent some of the useful and

pretty gifts. They were much interested and said, "Surely they had loving hearts thus to think of us."

REMEMBERING OUR LORD.

Letter from DR. MARY GALE.

I MUST tell you of our Communion Season. Our sunny little chapel with its open windows, its plain walls and hard benches was filled comfortably. The girls sat in the front seats and were a pretty sight with their beautifully dressed hair and interested faces. Then there were the outside schools just blossoming out in last year's wadded garments. Last year's do I say? I think the dust and damp of ages is in them! There were besides the schools, a number of adults and the servants and Hospital helpers and a few outsiders. One of the Hospital patients, who has been away from us many months, was baptized. She was very serious, and answered a few questions intelligently. I believe she is a Christian. The girls sang well and Rev. Mr. Reid gave us a good discourse on the men who made excuses for not following Christ immediately. It seems sometimes as though the Bible was particularly adapted to the Chinese, the customs are so similar. For instance when one man wanted to bury his father before he followed Christ, how the Saviour shows that the dead have no claim on us as compared with His. Can you not imagine a Chinese woman saying, "Then Christ cannot be pleased with all this folly of worship, about the graves and tablets of our ancestors." To follow Jesus does mean practically "to let the dead bury their dead" as the Chinese spend much time and money in worshipping ancestors.

CAN WE BUY?

WE are very grateful for the gifts for our "Medical Home," for indeed it never entered our thoughts that there would be so speedy a response. We always talked

of it as something that might be in the future—distant future. We have made many efforts to secure land. Teacher Sz has had money offered him, if he will push matters, and Pastor Woo has been called into consultation, as to “what fashion,” could be used with the owners of the land, near the Hospital, but as yet, nothing has come of it. The missionaries in many places, have fierce struggles after land and wait sometimes years for it. Will not the generous donors of the money, add their prayers for the land? Then when the land is bought, it must be graded, and stand for months, as did that on which the Hospital now stands.

A HAPPY ENGAGEMENT.

Letter from MISS BRUNTON.

TSAWE LING who has enjoyed for many years the great privileges of a Christian training in the Home is about to be engaged to my Chinese teacher. We are all glad that she is to marry a Christian and not a heathen. She is a credit to the faithful Band who supported her, and is an earnest Christian. She has just been appointed our “assistant teacher” in the school, receiving a salary. My teacher is a truly good man, his father has sold Bibles for the past fifteen years in one of the London Missions here. This engagement has given us all great satisfaction. We mean to have this a Christian wedding and to have it here under our own eyes.

We are always glad when the Bands write to us and anxious to answer any question, only we wish we had more!

The Chinese *language* seems a master device of the devil to shut out the Gospel. Chiefly monosyllabic, every character is the name of a thing. In their official lexicon the vocabulary reaches nearly 50,000 words, at least ten per cent. of which are needful for a scholar.

JAPAN—YOKOHAMA.

REVIEW OF MEDICAL WORK.

Letter from DR. ADALINE D. H. KELSEY.

THIS is a brief summary of medical work for the year beginning December 1st, 1887, and ending December 1st, 1888: Patients treated, 1,456—surgical, 55; medical, 765; eye, 207; ear, 53; unclassified, 376. Number of electrical treatments, 5,583; visits made, 96; Gospels, tracts and Scripture cards distributed, 3,000; translated one little book into Japanese. Some Evangelistic work in the country during vacations. There has been a gradual increase of patients and also of other work. We have had a large proportion of very poor patients, so that our receipts are not so large as formerly.

As the year closes we have only thankfulness in our hearts for all our Father's mercies. He has abundantly blessed us in our work, and has granted us success beyond our most sanguine hopes, so that we enter upon a new year with rejoicing and hopeful hearts. There has been an unusual amount of severe illness in the School during the past year. Two of the pupils left when not considered seriously ill and died within a few weeks, after going to their homes. Of those who have remained with us, all have under a Father's blessing been restored, and our workers have all been kept in excellent health.

As the year closes, we have only thankfulness in our hearts, for all our Father's mercies. He has granted us success, beyond our most sanguine hopes.

NATIVE HELPERS.

Letter from MRS. PIERSON.

THERE are at present in my corps of Bible Readers twenty-one women, varying in age, station and ability, but all consecrated to the Lord and His blessed service.

Three of these are self-supporting, having sufficient means for their own maintenance. Two of the latter, have recently come from a Southern Island, Province of Kochi and are keeping house in this neighborhood, in order to attend the Bible lessons, in preparation for future work. The husband of one of these women, becoming involved in political troubles, was imprisoned at Tokio, about a year since. The daughter is a member of our School. The older women are finishing the New Testaments and are now in the "Revelation." They have studied the books of the Old Testament, and are at present in Esther, having still Chronicles and some of the prophets to read. The younger women, are in the Epistles, and have daily lessons in the Old Testament. They are also committing lessons from the history of the Reformation, which I translate for them, as required. They all have their appointed districts for visiting and holding meetings in Yokohama, as well as various stations for Evangelistic work. They have gone to twenty-one places during the past year, some of them distant, and others in the vicinity of Yokohama. There have been eighty-three persons converted, through our humble instrumentality. It appears to my mind that a great company of those whose names are not included in the number stated, are the subjects of grace, and the seed sown in their hearts will germinate and bear fruits that will appear in the future.

SCHOOL RESULTS.

Our commencement exercises are largely attended. Our scholars number 134, of whom 40 are professing Christians; while many of the younger ones we are sure, love the Lord Jesus sincerely. After the opening of school the first half hour is devoted to Bible instruction. My room is occupied by the four classes, and their lesson which I teach in the vernacular, is now in Luke. It is my great desire that these dear young native Christians shall live in the assurance of sins forgiven, through faith in Christ, also to know

the cleansing efficacy of the precious blood of Jesus and the power and blessing of the Holy Spirit. For this purpose there are special meetings held in my room on Sunday, Thursday and on Friday evenings for the promotion of holiness in their hearts and lives. There is great interest among our dear scholars just now, and we trust it will result in a deeper work of grace and in the conversion of many.

Last year there were four lectures delivered before the School. One from Dr. Kelsey on the "Heart" was most interesting; another by Professor Dixon on English Literature; a third by a Japanese Professor of Chemistry who had studied in England; a fourth in the vernacular by a Japanese Professor of Astronomy.

INCREASED CONVENIENCE.

Letter from MISS CROSBY.

ONE of the many causes we have for thanksgiving, as we review the year, is the enlargement of our school-rooms. For a long time past they have been very much overcrowded, owing to the fact, that the number of our scholars has more than doubled, since they were built. By the generous aid of some kind friends of our work here and in America, we were enabled to erect during the summer vacation, a fine, well lighted, well ventilated building, adjoining and communicating with, the old School house. It is divided into two larger rooms, for the senior and primary departments. The partition, however is so arranged with the convenient Japanese sliding doors, that for our Sunday-school or general exercises, they can be used as one. On very special occasions as Christmas and Commencement, the entire partition can be removed, giving us a fine commodious audience room. The old school rooms divided by the same kind of sliding doors, furnish a number of recitation rooms, which were greatly needed. The result of the enlargement is, of course most beneficial to the school, as

it allows the work to be carried on, in a much more orderly, and effective manner.

The first morning of the Fall term was devoted to a dedicatory service, and a peculiarly interesting occasion it was, to us all. For nearly a year previous, we had been unitedly asking the Lord to give us means in some way, to enlarge the School rooms, and therefore, we accepted the new building with heartfelt gratitude, as a most signal answer to prayer.

CHAIN OF INTEREST.

We have parted with several of our graduates, in response to some of the many calls for teachers, that constantly come to us. An appeal came two or three months ago which seemed to have a special claim upon us. The pastor of the church at Mishima, was formerly a member of our household, and still seems in a certain sense to belong to us. His work has been greatly blessed, and he has a thoroughly alive and earnest church. They have, through the liberality of one or two of their number, succeeded in establishing a girls' boarding school, besides several evening schools for men and boys. The boarding pupils, number as yet only nine or ten, but they have accommodations for forty or more. An American lady, Miss Lizzie Ballagh, has charge of the English department, and gives her services in a great measure, gratuitously. It was to assist Miss Ballagh as interpreter, and in translation classes, that we felt obliged to part with Mitsu Suzuki, and it is some compensation to know that she is giving entire satisfaction in her new position.

A Japanese pupil, Toki Imai, writes, Our Sunday service, used to be divided into morning and afternoon sessions, on account of the room being too small. We prayed to God earnestly about it, He has heard our prayers and has given us a gallery, so that we can now assemble together at the same time, although there are quite a large number.

INDIA—CAWNPORE.

WATCHING AND WAITING.

Letter from MISS WARD.

IN examining one of my schools I found six girls read very smoothly in the "Fourth Urdu Reader," a difficult book, and then recited Bible verses, till I had no time to hear more. This has been a very bigoted neighborhood, and the school was once broken up on account of Christian teaching, but began again after a time. Two of the girls told their teacher they did believe in Christ, and confessed Him before the school. One girl came over to our Home, to tell meshe did love Christ, and prayed only in His name, and to-day they asked for prayer before I left the school. The children find the Second Commandment very difficult, and they sometimes have to work months at it, before they can pass on to the third. If the laws of the land would allow it, I think some one or two of these children, perhaps more, would have left their homes to become Christians. But we could not propose it to them, as the law of the country forbids the baptism of the children of Hindu and Mohammedan parents who are minors, and of course the girls are married before they come of age, and then are in the power of their husbands, and secluded in their homes. If they only get the baptism of the Holy Ghost in their hearts, we feel the Lord will prepare the way for them, to serve Him in some way.

For some time past our work has been opening *wonderfully* among the Mohammedans. Last year, when we helped a poor widow rescue her child from a cruel alliance, it seemed for a time to lessen our work, as the Mohammedan men said, "If these missionaries are going to befriend our women in this way it will give us trouble." The women said to us: "We know you are our friends, but the men order us not to receive you." Some said, "Wait patiently; this order will not last long." It proved a true prophecy, for after some weeks,

when we again went around among the disaffected ones, we were asked to continue our teaching. Now and again some thing occurs, such as a child's repeating Bible verses at home, and speaking of Christ as the Son of God, that makes the parents fear she will forsake the old faith, and then a few houses close and some children are taken out of school, but new places always open to us, and we gain in the end.

One morning a dear young Brahmin girl came to me, saying she believed in Christ. She is the wife of an old Brahmin priest, and he has taken his wife with him to the Ghats to read to the women who go to the women's bathing place. There she met our Christian teachers, who have spoken to her of Jesus. She is as yet very ignorant of Bible truth, but the story of Jesus' love has touched her heart. We have arranged to visit her home regularly, and hope she may come out openly on the Lord's side. She is so lovely, and gentle in her manners, I wish I could be the means of bringing her, to the arms of Jesus, and calling her our sister in Christ.

WINNING THE CHILDREN.

I was called to a place where a new school was wanted. I found about twenty high caste Hindu girls gathered, who seemed very promising. Being opened in the house of a Brahmin, many children who otherwise would not come to us, are under our influence. For instance, we have been trying to gain entrance to a wealthy merchant's house, and while he has politely taken me into the zenana to *call on* his ladies, he at the same time told me plainly he could not admit us *to teach*, as he feared the influence of our religion on his women and children. Yesterday I saw his little girl in this school, and heard her repeat a Bible verse. If we can keep her in the school she will learn of Jesus, and perhaps be a little candle of the Lord, in that dark home.

INDIA—ALMORA.

FLOURISHING MISSION.

Letter from Miss Hook.

IT is very helpful sometimes, to turn aside from our own work, and observe that of other missions, and in Almora where I am spending my vacation we have an excellent opportunity of seeing that, carried on by the London Mission Society. There are here about 100 Christians, besides seventy-five in the Leper Asylum. Ramsay College is a prosperous institution where 750 Hindu boys are taught from the alphabet up to the "University First Arts Standard," and scholarships, certificates and prizes, are awarded for proficiency in Scripture. On Sunday preaching services in Hindustani are held for all who will attend. There is also a Union Chapel where service is held every Sunday in English. The Leper Asylum consists of several buildings, on the side of a hill surrounded by a beautiful terraced garden and contains over 100 patients, who are kindly cared for, temporally and spiritually and those who are able to study, are taught daily. There is preaching here also every Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Coley takes charge of all this work, assisted by his staff of native helpers.

There are seven schools for Hindoo girls, four in the Bazar and three in the villages. We had the pleasure of visiting one containing 100 girls, and one, in a village five miles away which was a quaint spectacle to us, although we are familiar with Rajpore. Nearly thirty girls, unwashed and uncombed, stood about the missionary lady on the grass. She sat with her back against the wall of a house for shade and examined the classes as they were presented to her, by a Christian teacher. They had learned well, and looked happy. In the background, stood several old men, with faces radiant with pleasure at the attainments of their little girls.

Miss Budden once a month, examines the school as with the exception of Mrs. Coley's, all the girls' schools are under her supervision. She has two orphanages with sixteen boys, and twenty-eight girls, and among them, are a number of Christian boarders, and day scholars. She employs the native

professors of Ramsay College, out of college hours, and is thus able to educate up to the entrance course. Last year, two girls passed the examination and four are now actively engaged in mission work. We saw five or six others of seventeen or eighteen years of age prepared to begin work. Mr. Coley has been working here about ten years.

The native Christian community, appears the most respectable of any I have met, and it is most pleasant to see the harmony existing between them, and the missionaries ; with one mind and heart they unite in working among the Hindoos. This unity results from there being but one mission in the place.

Almora is a military station, and the warm interest the English residents take and the material aid they give to mission work surprised me.

Forty years ago, a young missionary while recruiting his health at Naini Tal, made the acquaintance of the joint magistrate of Rumaou (this district) who at the time was spiritually under a cloud, and under Providence, he was enabled to lead him to the light. This began a friendship, and through the influence of the magistrate, the London Mission Society gave the missionary to this place, the former with his friends, assuming the entire support of the work. The joint magistrate in due time, became chief magistrate, and did so much for the good of the district in every way, that his labors were recognized by the English government and he was knighted. His increased influence, continued to be used in the cause of Christ ; he gave freely, and induced his friends and the government to assist, and throughout has been the warm friend of the missionary. Until the work became quite extensive, the Society gave nothing towards it. Ramsay College, the school houses, chapel, missionary residences, Leper Asylum and lastly a sanatorium were all obtained through him.

Sir Henry Ramsay and the Rev. Mr. Budden are now old gentlemen, both most pleasant to look upon. The former retired from public service is still active. He abides among the people, who speak of him in the most loving terms. He is still a brother to the old missionary, who is laid aside with a painful disease. His work is done but what the two have set going will never cease. What beautiful lives to contemplate and how bright the prospect of the "Well done good and faithful servants."

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Annual Meeting.

PERHAPS never in our existence as a Society, have we had so much of attraction, to offer our constituents, as at our twenty-eighth Anniversary, held January 23d in the Chapel of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York. Mrs. Viele's marriage to Mr. Curtis, brought her to our shores, a few months ago, and the necessity for rest and change, gave us the opportunity to hear from Dr. Elizabeth Reifsnyder and Miss McKechnie, graphic descriptions of our medical and school work in China. Still another pleasant feature was the presence of Rev. Dr. Phraner, whose travels around the world, made him an eye-witness of the work in all our stations. A large and enthusiastic audience, at our morning and afternoon sessions, greeted these faithful representatives, with whom we have worked, and for whom we have prayed. For many friends who had not our privilege, we reproduce brief striking words uttered at the Anniversary.

Miss McKechnie giving an account of her Dispensary work, said, "At one o'clock we begin the work. The people are crowding in, each one trying to present her prescription first. My Chinese helper puts up all the pills and ointment, while I attend to the liquids, and more complicated prescriptions. We do not give away the bottles, or ointment pots, unless the patient is very poor, and cannot buy. This goes on with variations, until from fifty to nearly 200 patients, are prescribed for. Now you ask 'What has this to do with evangelizing the heathen?' I answer 'Much every way.' We begin the day with prayers. All the helpers at the Hospital, are expected to be there and read the New Testament in turn. The convalescing patients come, and often strangers drop in. The Bible Reader in the Dispensary talks to the people, in little groups, as she can thus best get their attention. I invite all

to come to our Sabbath service, and a crowd attend, to listen to the Doctor, by whom they have been relieved. We have a Bible Class on Friday evening, and every one attends it. All this with the bedside teaching forms no small part of our work."

Dr. Reifsnyder said "The schools are a most important feature, and we have all felt that if only the buildings could be enlarged, and more girls could be accommodated, it would add greatly to our usefulness. In a few years, a number of girls will be ready for teachers and wives, and others will fill their places."

"During 1886 to 1888 more than 60,000 patients have been seen at the 'Margaret Williamson Hospital,' about 400 patients were treated in the ward, and 80,000 prescriptions were filled. A far greater number, have been brought under the influence of the Gospel, for the healthy, accompany the sick! During the past year, we had the pleasure of seeing three women, all past forty, give up their idolatry, and become followers of Christ, while a number of others were almost persuaded. We all take part in the Sunday school of 120 to 170 pupils. Miss McKechnie takes up the collection, and you would be pleased to see with what eagerness the poor little things give a coin valued at one-twelfth of a cent. You would be more pleased to hear them recite the commandments, the creed, the Lord's prayer, also the subject, golden text and central truth, of each daily lesson."

Mrs. Viele-Curtis sketched her life in "Peace Cottage," Yokohama, where the children of our mission were gathered under her motherly care, learning the feminine duties, so necessary for the future wives of Japan. She said "The backward glance I give to my life is most sweet, and although the distance between Japan and America, seems great to you, to me it is but a step. I see myself now, at work in my cottage, with my little flock, all busy in their regularly allotted tasks. Here comes Miss Crosby, to ask a question, full of business, carried on, in the most practical and methodical

manner. Again I look up and Mrs. Pierson passes my door. Shall I say saintly Mrs. Pierson? Yes, for some people seem to lift us out of this world, into an atmosphere breathing of spiritual work, and spiritual triumphs. Then from a distance I hear Mrs. Sharland, and her choir of wonderful musicians, and one sweet voice rises above the others, as she leads a chorus. I know it belongs to one of my flock, once so wayward that hope in her future was at a very low ebb. I recall once, a scene with this girl, when no appeal seemed to move her. Suddenly a well known hymn, floated over the lawn, and as the favorite chorus is reached, smiles take the place of frowns, and even correction is heeded. You may well rejoice, dear friends, that God has given you such a field as Japan, and has so richly honored your work, that from far and near, the teachers trained in the mission, are prized as wives of preachers, or assistants in schools."

Rev. Dr. Phraner's subject was our missions in India, and his commendation of our representatives, was gratifying, and stimulating. He said "You have begun at the right end, to elevate and Christianize the women, those powers in India, which even in their degradation, make strong men, fettered. While in Lahore, I was asked to address the students of the college, and as I rose I nearly made a blunder. Correcting myself almost timidly not knowing my hearers I said, 'I was about to say "Ladies and gentlemen," for never in America, have I preached, or addressed an audience, where ladies did not form a prominent part.' To my surprise, a storm of applause greeted my opening remark. That, is a sign, and many such, meet the Christian traveler, as, he sees how the Spirit of God, is blessing, just such labors, as those of your ardent, earnest missionaries in Hindostan."

Read and Remember.

THE division of our executive department needs a word of explanation, to remove all occasion for confusion. Money, checks, and postal orders for the work of the Society

should be made payable to MRS. RUFUS WAPLES. Subscriptions to our periodicals and leaflets are payable to MISSIONARY LINK of which Miss Helen Kingsbury has charge. Postal notes made on STATION D. Mr. Z. S. Ely holding our account with Brown Bros & Co. and directing our investments, details of the treasury, do not come under his care. Miss Mary S. Stone attends solely to the payments of the Society. Checks made in the names of Mr. Ely or Miss Stone complicate the work of this department.

Mrs. Washington Choate has now taken charge of the Home Secretaryship of the Society. All local affairs, and requests for fresh letters of Mission work, to sustain the interests of Branch or Band Meetings, should be made to her.

When such letters are requested kindly write a week in advance, and return the letters as promptly as possible after they have been read. This forethought will prevent any delay in forwarding correspondence.

As the new Treasurers have labored with us for a year, it is hoped that the confidence shown to our former officers, will be continued to them in full measure.

Glad Hearts.

BY M. C. LATHROP.

THE large number of mission boxes sent to Allahabad prevents a separate acknowledgment, but we hope every friend will know how deeply we appreciate, each gift so carefully prepared. Five boxes reached us Nov. 27th and made an inviting array, as they were placed on our veranda. As we unpacked and arranged the gifts, we saw remembrances from "Young Ladies' Miss. Soc." of Cuyahoga Falls, O., "Mary E. Hays Band," New York, "In His Name Band," and "Helping Hands," Washington Heights, N. Y., "Brighton Heights Band," S. I., "King's Daughters,"

Tremont, "Snow Flake Band," Byron, Ill., "Tyro Band," Cal., "Lend a Hand Soc.," N. Y., a magic lantern from Miss Addie Miller, Mt. Vernon, gifts from Mrs. J. C. Edwards, Mrs. Fellows, and Miss Halliday of Brooklyn. Mrs. Cyrus W. Fields of Dobb's Ferry, sent valuable dolls, Mrs. Kent and Miss Allen equally acceptable gifts. Two quilts from the "Old Ladies' Home," N. Y., will go to an old woman in the depths of poverty, with no one to care for her. Koortas came from Mrs. Bela Mitchell and Mrs. Elbert Monroe of which we cannot say enough. Table cloths and pieces of cambric, are also invaluable to us. A beautiful musical instrument came from Miss Irene Huylicher, N. Y.

Dolls hold their own with the children, and are the most popular gifts, unless a child is actually cold or hungry. If you could see the dear little children, and hear them ask so anxiously "if the dolls are coming?" and could know how welcome the children's garments sent out are to the poorer ones, you would understand our anxiety to get them. Sometimes in a school, at the first doll-giving, the children have been so wild with delight that we have had hard work to restrain them! Each wanted the first taken out of the box. Of cards, we have enough to give at Christmas, and retain many for rewards during the year. For all these things, accept our heartiest thanks. As ready fingers have worked, and as in some cases sacrifices have been made, we hope the Lord has rewarded bountifully. Done "In His Name" all labor and sacrifice is blessed. May all of us, on both sides of the globe, whose hearts are in this effort, to elevate and Christianize the women of India, be more and more gladdened, as the days go by, in seeing that Christ's work is prospering in our hands.

MISSION BAND DEPARTMENT.

Japanese Sights.

BY MISS ADA VIELE.

IF you could leave your pleasant homes to-day without the long journey, by sea and land, and find yourselves in far-away Japan, how many strange sights, and sounds, you would see and hear!

Of course you would be interested in the children, who look so different from the boys and girls of America. Their skin is much darker and their hair black. Then, instead of little girls with short dresses, and boys with knee pants, both boys and girls wear a dress made something like a coat, coming almost to the ground. How you would laugh, at the queer wooden shoes, which they put on so easily. They step from one shoe into another, without touching either with the hand! Shoes worn out of doors, are not used in the house. When we go down town, the noise in some places, of the clatter, clatter, of the shoes seems odd, to a new comer. I shall always remember how it seemed to me, the first time I went in the cars, and heard the clatter of many shoes, on the concrete pavement, at the R. R. Station. Some of you, I am sure, are always ready and willing to help in the care of your younger brothers and sisters, but I am sure none of you carry them, as the babies are carried here. The little ones are fastened on the backs of their sisters, who often have to bring them to school, when they come to study.

Suppose we go out in the street and follow, in imagination, some children, who are going towards a Temple.

We pass through narrow streets, with low houses, and shops on either side. The houses have no windows, and doors in front, as in America, but are entirely open, and if we want to buy anything at the shops we sit on the floor, while the goods are brought to us for our selection. When we leave the shops, we soon come to a much larger building, decorated with gold, and made attractive to the eye. This is the TEMPLE. Outside, at the entrance, is a large bell, and as each person comes to worship, he throws, (in a place prepared for it) some money, and then strikes the bell, to let his god know that he has come to pray, and wants him to listen! A priest inside the Temple, is also praying for those who are outside.

Many of the Japanese, know now that the one, true God, needs not a bell to call his attention to them, for He is always ready to hear them, when they pray, and they can come to Him without paying the priest for prayer in their behalf.

Prayer to the Whiskey-drinking God.

The Rev. Narayan Sheshadri says that an intelligent Hindu cannot avoid comparing his sacred books with our Bible. The soma juice is an intoxicating drink made from the soma plant; and this prayer is an invocation to a whiskey-drinking god! "O thou Ugne, god of fire, that ridest in a chariot drawn by milk-white horses, ever radiant, youthful, come to our sacrificial feast! Eat of the viands and drink of the soma juice that we have prepared."

A Sick Child.

BY MISS LILLIE RODERICK.

I have been visiting a Bengali girl who has dislocated her hip joint, and is consequently confined to her bed without even being able to sit up. I took her a book, and explained a portion, so that she could understand when she read it for herself. She is only ten years of age, and has been in our school, a little over a year, but in that time has learned to read nicely. I found her reading "The Children's Friend," a Christian periodical which I have from time to time taken to her. Her mother saw my book in her hands and said she was glad I had brought it, as it would give her little girl something to do, and keep her from crying when the splints which had to be kept on for a month, were opened. She said to her child, "You keep saying Jesus, Jesus all the time, pray to Him to *cure* you, and then we will know that He exists." From this I judge that little Toru, has to bear the ridicule of her people, because she believes in Jesus Christ. When I gave her the book, she soon discovered that at the end of each chapter there was a little prayer, which she said she would say every day. While I was there, her mother brought her some sweetmeats, and threw them into her hands. She had bathed and would not touch her sick daughter, as she was going to cook, and the food would have been defiled if she had. Then she brought a small brass vessel with milk, and began pouring the contents into the poor child's mouth. The milk in consequence streamed down the sides of her neck on to her pillow. The child begged for the vessel to be put into her own hands, but the mother would have had to touch her. I suggested that she should leave the vessel on the floor, and I

would give it to the child, hardly thinking I would be permitted to do so, as they are high caste Brahmins. The mother willingly assented, although I do not suppose she would have done so, if anybody else had been by. I have found that caste prejudices are not as great as formerly, that modern Hindoos only keep up appearances before neighbors and friends, as they do not wish to be put out of the community, for if they were, they would not be permitted to make marriage alliances with professing Hindus. And yet I suppose, if this very woman who allowed me to feed her daughter, knew that a high caste man, did not draw water for the Bengali children in our school, she would have kept her girl home with great indignation.

Gifts For a Bridegroom.

BY B. PHUKAN.

A little girl I teach, is to be married very soon. Her name is Nogan and she is twelve years old. Her people have been quite concerned about her marriage for some time past, and they cannot keep her unmarried any longer, and although her father is very ill still she must be married very soon. The bridegroom will receive four thousand rupees and I dare say clothes, and a gold watch and chain besides. I think one of the reasons why Bengalis do not care to have many daughters, is because they cost so much at their marriage. The bridegroom has to be paid a large sum of money. Nogan will remain a year in her father's house after her marriage, and then her husband's house will be her home.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Massachusetts.—By Haverhill Zenana Society, Mrs. Wm. Ayer, Miss Anna Dodge.

New Hampshire.—Concord Auxiliary—Mr. Howard L. Porter.

New York City.—Miss Mary Doremus Safford, by Miss Mary Haines Doremus.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Medical Work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, M. E. C.
New York Charities Directory.

DONATIONS.

Shanghai.—Newark, N. J.—Miss S. Wallace, fifteen pairs wristlets for Dr. Reifsnnyder.

New York, N. Y.—Mrs. J. J. McComb for Bridgman Home, twelve sheets, twenty-five pillow-cases, three pair blankets, two table cloths, two dozen dinner napkins, forty yards cup toweling.

India.—Mount Vernon, O.—Miss A. Miller, needle-book, tidy, pin-cushion, etc.

Allahabad, for Miss Lathrop.—So. Boston, Mass.—Mrs. J. D. Richardson, forty-six jarmars, remnants, one dozen drawing slates, cards, patch-work, baskets, pencils, toys, etc.

Receipts in December, 1888, and January, 1889.

RECEIPTS of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America
for Heathen Lands from December 1st to 31st, 1888.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, Boston Band, per Mrs. E. Crosby, Mrs. C. S. Kendall, 2 ;	
Mrs. A. J. Gordon, 2,	\$4 00
Haverhill, Haverhill Zenana Soc., per Miss S. N. Kittredge, for Miss Ward's work,	104 00
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	\$108 00

CONNECTICUT.

Farmington, 2d payment from estate Mrs. Almira R. Hebbard, per Mrs. W. M. Wadsworth, Ex., for Henrietta W. Adams, Calcutta,	\$30 00
New London, New London Aux., per Mrs. M. P. Clark, Treas.,	69 75
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	\$99 75

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence, Providence Branch, per Miss M. S. Stockbridge, Treas., for Rebecca Day, Calcutta, Grace Ch., 57; Mrs. Roscoe Babcock, Westerly, 10; Miss Sarah Farmer, 1; Miss Delia Taylor, 1 (St. Stephen's Ch.); Miss Dora Burges 1 (Ch. of the Epiphany); (Pilgrim Cong. Ch.), Miss E. L. Shepley, for Miss Ward's work, 5,	\$75 00
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NEW YORK.

Albany, Albany Branch (see items below),	\$365 50
Mrs. M. T. Nott,	5 00
" C. H. Johnson,	50
Miss E. S. Hill,	50

Brooklyn, Mrs. C. G. Crocker, . . .	20 00
Sister Julia, St. John's Hospital, . .	5 00
Miss M. A. Gardiner, in memo- riam, and Mrs. C. P. Lane, . . .	5 00
Mrs. R. W. Forbes, an. sub., . . .	10 00
New York, Gardner Miss. Band, per Miss M. Alice McComb, for two children in Orphanage, Cal- cutta,	100 00
Miss Laura Halsted, an. sub., . . .	10 00
" B. Allen,	5 00
" J. H. Hyde,	1 00
Mrs. R. K. McHarg, an. sub., . . .	5 00
Miss S. A. Willet,	4 50
" H. B. Judd,	5 00
Ready Hands and Willing Hearts, per Mrs. T. D. Brad- ford, for Tani Goto, Yokohama, Poughkeepsie, Golden Rule Miss. Band, per Mrs. S. W. Buck, for Munga, at Calcutta,	60 00
Poughkeepsie Aux., Mrs. G. W. Candee, Treas., 1st Ref. Ch., 62; Mrs. H. L. Young, 100; 2d Ref. Ch., 69; Crosby Band of 2d Ref. Ch., 25; Mrs. C. W. Swift, 5; per Mrs. Candee, 2.25. Less cost of draft, .40,	30 00
Sing Sing, Hearts and Hands for Jesus, for Kashidori school, per Miss M. S. Stone,	262 85
Water Mills, Miss Maria Halsey, for Bridgman Home,	20 00
White Lake, Miss Sophie Mori- son, per Mrs. M. A. B. Wad- dell,	1 50
Yonkers, Mrs. J. B. Trevor, for Marg. W. Hospital, 5; for print- ing LINK, 5,	1 50
	<u>10 00</u>
	\$923 35

NEW JERSEY.

Fairton, Fairton Union Memorial Band, per Mrs. M. J. Sheppard, Morristown Invalids' Aux., per Mrs. Proudfit, towards Physi- cians' Home, Shanghai,	20 00
Mrs. W. S. Mikels-Coll,	18 95
Newark, Newark Aux., Mrs. E. D. G. Smith, Treas., North Ref. Ch., per Miss Abeel, 8; \$5 paid to speaker at annual meeting, . .	25 00
A friend, per H. E. B.,	3 00
Per Miss Sarah Wallace, coll. by Mite system, 45, acknowledged in Jan. LINK,	10 00
New Brunswick, New Brunswick Aux., Miss A. B. Cook, Treas., for M. W. Hospital, 4,	154 00
Princeton, Princeton Band, Miss Ellen S. A. Brown, Treas., Mrs. E. Stanislaus Jones, 80,	157 67
Roselle, Earnest Workers, per Mrs. D. W. Berdan,	50 00
South Orange, through Foreign Missions Com- mittee of Ref. Epis. Ch., Mr. C. Morrison, Act-	

ing Treas., Bishop Cum- mins Band, Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Johnson, 1; Mrs. Tottle, 1; Mrs. Ely, 1; Mrs. Wright, 1; Mrs. Cummins, 2; Mrs. Levy, 1; Mrs. Hatch, 1; Mrs. Hiss, 1; Mrs. Woods, 1; Mrs. Peebles, 1; Miss McClellan, 1; Miss Wright, 1; Miss Cum- mins, 2; Miss Dulaney, 1; Miss Leacock, 1; Miss Peebles, 1; Miss F. Pee- bles, 1; Miss Lamping, 1,	\$20 00
Ch. of the Redeemer, Baltimore, Md.,	35 00
Mr. J. McLoughlin,	3 65
Summit, Mrs. F. S. Phraner for printing leaflets,	10 00
	<u>58 65</u>

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Philadelphia Branch: Miss Lathrop's salary,	150 00
Misses Leslie & Peters' salary,	150 00
Miss Hook's salary,	150 00
Miss Eberle's salary,	\$150 00
Dr. Reifsnnyder's salary,	150 00
Teacher for Miss Hook,	60 00
In Calcutta Orphanage: Sally Lane,	\$30 00
Mary Arrott,	30 00
Meta Jané,	35 00
Edith Riddell,	30 00
Edith Fisler,	30 00
Margaret Buckwell,	30 00
Sarah N. Crozer,	30 00
Frances Bennett,	30 00
Thankful,	30 00
	<u>1,085 00</u>
Mrs. E. I. Fox,	5 00
Miss E. F. Randolph,	5 00
" Laura W. Pierson, for Topsi, in Orphanage, Calcutta,	15 00
Miss Maggie Wilson, for freight, . .	1 00
	<u>\$1,111 00</u>

MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Baltimore Branch (see items below),	\$181 00
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, Mrs. H. Le Conte, . . .	\$5 00
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OHIO.

Ada, Young Women's Christian Assoc., per Miss Sallie Fisher, to complete pledge for child in Calcutta,	\$15 00
Cincinnati, Cincinnati Branch, for Phebe Baker,	\$30 00
Eliza Given,	30 00

To complete amount for salary of Miss McKechnie,	\$45 00
Dayton, Mrs. S. L. Winter's Christmas gift to our Missions in India,	130 00
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	\$250 00

ILLINOIS.

Chicago, Chicago Branch (see items below),	\$87 50
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KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Kentucky Branch, Mrs. S. J. Look, Treas.,	\$75 35
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TENNESSEE.

Nashville, Rev. I. G. John, D.D., Sec. Methodist Epis. Church, South, refunding passage and outfit of Miss Mary J. Bennett, \$600 00	\$600 00
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IOWA.

Independence, Miss Carlie Lathrop, for Miss Lathrop's work, \$10 00	\$10 00
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CALIFORNIA.

Pasadena, Ladies' Union Prayer Meeting, per Mrs. F. H. Burdick,	\$60 00
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NEW MEXICO.

Laguna, Miss F. Shields, to complete Life Membership of Mrs. Martha Smith,	\$25 00
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FRANCE.

Paris, Mrs. Ellen E. Robinson, annual subscription,	\$20 00
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Total receipts from December 1st to December 31st, 1888,	\$4,138 22
Interest and dividends on invested funds received during the year 1888,	2,282 25
Note coll.,	66 42
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	\$6,486 89

MRS. RUFUS WAPLES,
Asst. Treas.

RECEIPTS OF *Albany Branch.*

Miss Catharine D. Smith, for "Katie and Sarah Savage Smith," in the "Home," Yokohama,	\$20 00
Friends in Watervliet, through Miss M. A. Vandenberg, for "Ai Tse," in the Bridgman Home, Shanghai,	50 00
Mrs. J. Townsend Lansing, annual contribution,	10 00
A contributor, through Mrs. J. Townsend Lansing,	10 00
Mrs. Geo. D. Miller, as extra, instead of "Scheme,"	2 00
Miss Mary Roberts, for "Ellen's Band," in memoriam,	20 00
Ladies of the First Ref. Church, through Mrs. E. Phillips,	6 00
Mrs. Robert Strain, annual contribution,	20 00
Miss Mabel Larned, annual contribution,	20 00

Mrs. John L. Newman, for "Egbert's Band," through Mrs. Edward Phillips,	\$20 00
Miss Abby S. Lansing, annual contribution,	5 00
Mrs. Worthington La Grange, annual subscription,	10 00
Ladies of the First Ref. Church, through Mrs. Edward Phillips, col.,	22 00
From friends, through Miss R. M. Waddell, collector,	30 00
Mrs. Frederick Townsend, annual contribution,	20 00
Miss D. M. Douw,	100 00
From a friend,	50 00
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Total,	\$365 50

MRS. F. K. TOWNSEND,
Treas.

RECEIPTS OF *Baltimore Branch.*

By Mrs. Cornelius Weston:	
Mrs. Henry Onderdonk,	\$5 00
Miss Julia Latrobe,	5 00
Mrs. Geo. Whitelock,	5 00
Mr. Cornelius Weston,	5 00
Mrs. Cornelius Weston,	5 00

Mrs. H. H. Clark,	\$25 00
By Miss L. Graves:	
Mrs. Dr. Warfield,	5 00
Mrs. Wm. B. Graves,	5 00
Miss Melissa Baker,	5 00
Miss L. Graves,	5 00

By Mrs. Bastable :	
Mrs. Dr. Bowie,	\$5 00
Mrs. Bastable,	10 00
By Mrs. Alex. M. Carter :	
Mrs. Geo. Sproston,	5 00
Mrs. M. R. Richardson,	2 00
Mrs. Alex. M. Carter,	10 00
Ministering Children Bd. per Miss Bausemer for Katsu Shundo, Yokohama,	60 00

Mrs. Onderdonk's S. S. Class at the College of St. James, Md., for Koto Yamané, Yokohama,	\$20 00
Miss M. Rogers, for Koto Yam- ané,	2 60
Total,	<u>181 00</u>

Mrs. ALEX. M. CARTER,
Treas.

RECEIPTS OF *Chicago Branch.*

Mrs. S. J. McPherson,	\$10 00
Mrs. Dr. Andrews,	1 00
Mrs. McBirney,	1 00
Mrs. M. S. Skinner, for the Mary A. Merriman Mem'l School,	20 00
Miss M. Stevens,	1 00
Mrs. Harmount,	1 00
Mrs. F. Crumbaugh,	1 00
Mrs. Katherine S. Isham,	25 00

Mrs. O. C. Ely,	\$5 00
Byron Bd., Byron, Ill., Mrs. F. H. Read, Treas.,	22 50
Total,	<u>87 50</u>

Mrs. O. F. AVERY,
Treas.

RECEIPTS of the *Woman's Union Missionary Society of America*
for *Heathen Lands* from *Jan. 1st to 31st, 1889.*

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, Boston Branch (see items below),	\$426 00
Mrs. C. Briggs,	50
Northampton, The Seelye Chil- dren, per Miss M. A. Allen, for Mary Seelye, India,	25 00
	<u>\$451 50</u>

CONNECTICUT.

Darien, Miss Emma Delafield, for M. W. Hospital,	\$ 5 00
New Haven, Mrs. F. B. Dexter, for Theodosia D. Wheeler Mem- orial scholarship in Normal School, Calcutta,	30 00
South Norwalk, Mrs. J. J. Cape, 3; Miss E. G. Platt, 5, for work in India,	8 00
Southport, Mrs. E. B. Monroe, for Home, Yokohama, 70; teach- ers in Calcutta, 60; Miss Hook's work, 10,	140 00
Mrs. C. A. Meeker,	2 00
Windsor, the Misses Sill, for Miss Ward's work,	50 00
	<u>\$235 00</u>

NEW YORK.

Albany, Albany Branch (see items below),	\$ 55 00
Aquebogue, Northville Miss. Bd., per Miss Nannie Benjamine, for Mary Anne Aldrich, Cal- cutta,	30 00

Astoria, Mrs. A. E. Smallwood,	\$10 00
Brooklyn, Misses C. and E. Thurs- ton,	20 00
Mrs. R. L. Wyckoff,	5 00
Miss Macy,	5 00
Miss Churchill,	5 00
Cold Spring, Hillside Bd., per Miss A. P. Wilson, for Miss Ward's work,	30 00
Corona, Mary E. Page Mem. Bd., per Miss Lillie Bennett, for Orphanage, Calcutta,	20 00
Ithaca, Mrs. J. P. McGraw, for Miss Ward, 50; for Jennie's child, 30; for Jennie McGraw, ad, 30,	110 00
Lake Hill, Mrs. C. J. Lazarus, for Miss Gardner's work,	2 00
New Brighton, Mrs. S. N. Hav- ens,	3 00
New York, Collection at annual meeting,	110 79
Miss Mary Ely, In Memoriam, an. sub.,	25 00
Mrs. Fred'k K. Trowbridge, an. sub.,	10 00
Mrs. John Crosby Brown,	20 00
Mrs. Adrian H. Muller,	10 00
Mrs. J. J. McComb, for freight,	5 00
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